

First Eucharist Preparation
Session 1 for parents and children
October 27 or November 1, 2020

1. If you are comfortable doing this, come to the noon Mass at St. Mary's on November 8th for the First Eucharist Enrollment. Father Paul will call the children up to the altar and give them a blessing and present them to the Congregation as the First Communion class of 2021.
2. Take your child up to see:
 - the altar and altar cloth,
 - the Easter or Paschal Candle,
 - and the Tabernacle.
3. Please become familiar with live streaming at St. Mary's during the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. Recordings can be found on you tube and Parish face book page. Both are accessible through the parish website. You may watch these with your children when you are not able to come for Mass.
4. Help your child choose a job they can do in your home each day – as part of their preparation for First Communion. Be consistent in your expectation. I will do my best to help during our zoom sessions to re-enforce your efforts.
5. Each time you sit together for a meal at your home, begin with this prayer or a prayer of your choosing: Bless us, O Lord, and these thy (or your) gifts – which we are about to receive, from thy (or your) bounty through Christ or Lord. Amen.
6. Remind your children to ask you these questions at a meal and that I will be asking them what they learned about their parents during our next zoom session:
 - What kind of games did you like to play when you were in third grade?
 - With whom did you play?
 - Where did you go to school and what was school like for you? Favorite teacher?
 - Anything else your child wants to ask you?
7. Take time to watch this video about the last supper with your child:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSCHI_fxJGM

Have a good week. I look forward to seeing you at the noon Mass on November 8th if that works for you. Our next zoom session is either Wednesday, November 11th at 7 p.m. or Sunday, November 15th at 2 p.m.